

Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) - Regular Funding Scheme

FAQs

What are the objectives of this scheme?

- ▶ The Beat Drugs Fund aims to promote and support worthwhile anti-drug programmes which can help address the problem of drug abuse, particularly amongst the young, and to promote community-wide efforts and programmes in the campaign against drug abuse in Hong Kong.

Which discipline(s) is(are) covered in this scheme?

- ▶ Any disciplines.

Who is eligible to apply (as a PC/PI)?

- ▶ There is no specific requirement on PC/PI but please note that according to CUHK research policy:
 - *“Academic staff at Assistant Professor rank or Research Assistant Professor rank or above may serve as Principal Investigators of externally supported research awards. Other staff members, with the approval of the immediate supervisor and the Chairperson of the Research Committee may serve as Principal Investigators under special circumstances, provided that a named full-time academic staff member at Associate Professor rank or Research Associate Professor rank or above assumes responsibility for ensuring that the administration of the award conforms with the sponsor's requirements.”*

How to apply for this scheme?

- ▶ Submission of completed application forms in both hardcopy by postal and softcopy by email.

Can PI submit more than one application to the same application round?

- ▶ Yes, PI can submit more than one application to the same application round.

What document(s) should be prepared before and/or during application stage?

- ▶ Declaration Form for Research Grants
- ▶ Completed Application Form (in MS Word format)
- ▶ Statement for Application signed by Dean of relevant faculty (original true copy)

Is there an institutional quota for this scheme?

- ▶ Faculty quota for this scheme is 5.

Any eligibility requirement on Co-applicant(s)?

- ▶ There is no eligibility requirement on Co-applicant(s).

What is the range of funding support?

- ▶ The normal grant ceiling for a proposal is \$6 million with a usual duration of three years.
- ▶ The total maximum grant received by one faculty will not exceed \$25 million.

Is administrative overhead fees/indirect costs allowed?

- ▶ 15% of the funding (i.e. net of overheads) can be included in the project budget for Administrative overheads.

What is the operational timeframe after internal deadline?

- ▶ Around 25 working days (Time required for the Internal Selection).

What is the estimated time for PIs' revision and re-submission?

- ▶ Around 5 working days.

If PIs opt to submit without vetting by ORKTS, what will the minimum processing time be?

- ▶ Around 20 working days (Time required for the Internal Selection).

What are the assessment criteria?

- ▶ Project Strength (Weighting: 30%)
- ▶ Impact (Weighting: 30%)
- ▶ Project Design and Feasibility (Weighting: 25%)
- ▶ Experience and Track Record (Weighting: 15%)

(maximum score: 100, passing score: 50)

(Extract from the Application Guidelines)

Will grantor shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend presentation/meeting/interview?

▶ No.

When will grantor announce the funding result?

- ▶ The first quarter of the next year.

Special Remarks

- ▶ All applications will be subject to internal selection if the number of applications exceeds the faculty quota of 5.